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UNSUB; U.S. SENATOR JAMES O. EASTLAND - VICTIM
EXTORTION

2/14/56

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mason	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

ReBuphone call 2/14/56.

COURTNEY PACE, Administrative Asst. to Senator EASTLAND advised he notified Chief ROBERT MURRAY, Metropolitan PD of receipt of phone call by Mrs. EASTLAND. MURRAY told him cars of local precinct would pay close attention to EASTLAND residence and a detective would be stationed at residence 2/15/56.

Mrs. EASTLAND interviewed by Bureau Agents today. She states at 10:15 AM today phone in her residence rang. She answered. Cultured male voice with no accent said, "Mrs. EASTLAND?". She said yes. Male said, "Your husband, that rat, has been going around the South talking about the Negroes. He can not hide and I am going to kill him." Caller then hung up before she could reply. She believes this was local call as no coins dropped and no operator placing call. She has no suspects. No similar calls received. Telephone listed in name of [redacted]

[redacted] Phone number widely known to friends and associates. Mrs. EASTLAND stated any further calls would be referred to PACE in Senator's office. No indication given to Mrs. EASTLAND that FBI was making any investigation.

UACB no report being submitted.

Unless Advised to Contrary by Bureau

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Memphis (Info)
- 1 - WFO (9-)

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CC: MR. ROSEN

AND-CHIEF OF POLICE
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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UNSUBS, SENATOR JAMES O. EASTLAND, VICTIM, EXTORTION.

RE PHONE CALL FROM MR. HUGO WINTERROWD TODAY. SENATOR EASTLAND

TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY SA GEORGE A. EVERETT FOR

APPOINTMENT TO INTERVIEW. EASTLAND STATED UNABLE TO BE

INTERVIEWED TODAY DUE TO COMMITMENTS. STATED CALLS RECEIVED

NIGHT OF FEB. ELEVEN, LAST WERE ABUSIVE BUT CONTAINED NO

THREATS OF ANY KIND. ONE CALLER SAID TO BE APPARENTLY DRUNK

AND ALL CALLS RELATED TO SPEECHES FAVORING SEGREGATION MADE

BY EASTLAND. STATED CATEGORICALLY HE WANTS NO INVESTIGATION

MADE. UACB, NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN BY MEMPHIS.

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2-02 PM OK FBI WA SH

Mr. Rosen

Country, Pass
Adm. Asst. to
Eastland

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